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SUBJECT: Demarche Delivered: Oman Supportive of U.S. Re-Election to
Category "A" Membership in IMO Council

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(SBU) EconOff delivered reftel demarche to Ahmed bin Sa'id Al Kathiri, Deputy Chief in the American Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 7, 2009. Al Kathiri said that Category A "would not be full without the U.S." and that this would be an "easy thing for [Oman] to support." Al Kathiri further indicated that the "U.S. will have [the] Oman vote." Al Kathiri qualified his statements by indicating that the International Organizations Department (IOD) at the MFA makes the final recommendation, but that he had provided the IOD with the aide-memoire and diplomatic note on the matter.

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